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MEU Marine thinks fast, saves life

LCPL JOHN HOELLWARTH
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP KINSER — The scene at Suragaki Beach recently was one of natural beauty. But 20 feet beneath the waves that rolled ashore in placid progression, a Marine was fighting for his life.

During a recent diving incident, Lance Cpl. Benjamin Juico of Marine Expeditionary Unit Service Support Group-31, 31st MEU, showed that he paid close attention during the water safety briefings he received. His water safety skills aided him in saving the life of his friend Cpl. David B. Kaggwa.

Both of MSSG-31, Juico and Kaagwa recently went on a recreational scuba dive. The divers snorkeled about 300 meters from the beach before they began diving. They were about 60 feet deep when Kaggwa started to have difficulty breathing. Suddenly, a high-pitched hissing noise was heard in the water.

The divers surfaced to fix Kaggwa's gear. They stayed afloat for about a half an hour before making their final dive 45 feet below the waves.

Five minutes later, Juico heard the familiar hissing sound coming from Kaggwa's direction. He immediately turned towards Kaggwa, who was snorkeling about 15 feet behind him.

Juico swam to the imperiled diver. Kaggwa held his breath as Juico checked the oxygen valve, which appeared to be working fine. By the time Juico could offer Kaggwa his secondary breathing apparatus, Kaggwa had been without air for a considerable amount of time.

Panic stricken, Kaggwa accidentally grabbed both of the air hoses on Juico's scuba gear. In doing so, he left Juico without air.

Juico immediately took off his weight belt and inflated his buoyancy vest. Kaggwa remained clung to Juico's air hose, which made it difficult for the two divers to ascend. At 30 feet under water, Juico's vision began to blur.

"I thought we were both going to die," Juico said. "I swam up to the surface and ingested sea water. As soon as I surfaced, I gasped for air, coughed up water, fixed my goggles and deflated my vest so I could swim back to Kaggwa."

Kaggwa was about 20 feet from the



LANCE CPL. EUGENE E. CLARK

LF Carat returns

An Amphibious Assault Vehicle, part of Landing Force Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training, makes its way to the beach from USS Rushmore LSD-47 May 22, 2001. LF CARAT returned to White Beach August 4-5 after completing the annual exercise in Southeast Asia in which Marines worked with the Navy and several countries in Southeast Asia doing military training and community relations projects. This year LF CARAT stopped in Indonesia, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei and the Philippines.

surface. He waved his arms feverishly in an attempt to ascend. Juico descended toward Kaggwa, grabbing and pulling at him to bring his friend to the surface.

"Kaggwa was foaming at the mouth. I inflated his buoyancy control device and tilted his head with my arms," Juico said. "He was pale and unconscious."

Juico noticed that Kaggwa didn't show any signs of response when water washed over his face. He screamed for help with every ounce of strength that he could muster.

"I was praying aloud that God would make him live," Juico recalled. "I shook Kaggwa's head, but he still wasn't responding."

While Kaggwa's lifeless body was being pulled to shore, Juico was swimming and performing mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

"After the second or third try, Kaggwa began breathing and I knew there was hope," Juico said.

According to Juico, every breath that struggled its way in or out of Kaggwa's lungs created a sound that told him Kaggwa had a lot of water in his airways.

Juico moved Kaggwa's head to the side so Kaggwa could cough out some of the water he had ingested. Each time Kaggwa coughed, he expelled foamy water and blood. Still in the water, Juico continued to administer first aid and call

for help while working to get Kaggwa back to shore.

After a while, Kaggwa opened his eyes and then slipped back into unconsciousness. When he finally came to his senses, he yelled the words "Take me back."

"I dragged him what seemed like a mile or a mile and a half because of the current and the exhaustion we were both experiencing," Juico said. "I kept talking to him and praying aloud that we may be granted strength by the Lord. I was crying because I didn't want to lose my friend. Kaggwa kept telling me his head was hurting, his chest was in pain, and that he was very tired."

About 50 meters from the shore, Juico saw a Japanese family and yelled 'Tasukete,' the Japanese word meaning 'help.' The family immediately called an ambulance, and a man swam up to them with a life buoy.

Once on shore, Juico laid Kaggwa on the beach and took off his diving gear. The ambulance arrived about four minutes later, and took both divers to Camp Lester Hospital's emergency room.

"I told several doctors and nurses what happened in detail, while Kaggwa was lying in the emergency room," Juico said. "They told me I had saved his life, but I somehow felt responsible for the incident. I hoped I had done enough, because I wanted my friend to live more than anyone else in that hospital."

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Remember, your conduct counts. You are our ambassadors.



CPR instructor Colleen M. Price receives the Red Cross' Certificate of Merit from Maj. Gen. James E. Cartwright, commanding general, 1st MAW, for saving the life of 7-year-old Laura R. Rovenstine.

Red Cross CPR instructor gets award for saving girl

PFC. MARK S. ALLEN
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP FOSTER — A cardiopulmonary resuscitation instructor received the Red Cross' highest award July 30 for saving a 7-year-old girl's life.

Colleen M. Price, a CPR instructor at the Kadena American Red Cross office, received the Red Cross' Certificate of Merit presented by Maj. Gen. James E. Cartwright, commanding general, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, for performing the Heimlich Maneuver on Laura R. Rovenstine, the daughter of Maj. Mick J. Rovenstine, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-262, Marine Aircraft Group-36, 1st MAW.

The Price and the Rovenstine families were enjoying a Sunday brunch after church when Laura began to choke on a piece of sausage.

"My daughter couldn't breathe or talk," Rovenstine said. "My wife began to panic, and a crowd formed around us. I was really panicked at first to see that my daughter was unable to breathe."

Price, who was getting her food, ran over and performed the Heimlich Maneuver five times on the Rovenstine's daughter. Price dislodged the meat blocking the child's windpipe so that Laura could breathe. Then Price gave one last thrust to completely dislodge the food.

The paramedics arrived on the scene shortly after and checked the child for any broken ribs, but they decided there was no need to take her to the hospital.

"My daughter was in shock when it happened and very quiet for a while afterwards, but within a couple of hours she was back to her normal self," Rovenstine said. "Mrs. Price took charge of the situation. She was very aggressive, and she had the skills to do what she had to do."

"At the award ceremony, Laura asked me why she was there. I don't think that she really understood that she could have died," Rovenstine added.

"Fortunately, Mrs. Price was in the right place at the right time," said Chuck S. Miller, station manager, Kadena American Red Cross. "Anyone, who has this training, can do this. One of the many goals of the Red Cross is to have every American trained with life saving skills that can be utilized in a situation until professional care arrives."

"You like to think things turn out for the best, but the more people who are trained with life saving skills, the bigger probability that lives are going to be saved," Rovenstine said.

The Certificate of Merit, which is signed by President George W. Bush, was awarded with a medal and ribbon. During the ceremony, Price had the medal pinned on by Laura R. Rovenstine and Cartwright. Shortly afterwards, Price turned around and pinned the ribbon on Laura Rovenstine to let her know that she is important.

Price said, "Saving a life is significant only if that life goes on to have purpose. I was just trying to emphasize that Laura is a special person."



LANCE CPL. KENNETH L. HINSON

Base gets a groove

Rapper Casino performed during the Groove Garage 2000+1 Summer at the Globe and Anchor on Camp Foster July 28. The event hosted break dancing performances by Cool Cool Juniors and Soul Camp Crew and performances by Indie label artists Scrooge and Mo-Mo.

1/12 Marine dies after overdose

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KANEOHE BAY, Hawaii — A cannoneer with Alpha Battery, 1st Bn., 12th Marine Regiment, died after suffering complications resulting from an overdose of ecstasy. Lance Cpl. Kristofer P. Villanueva, a 21-year-old Shalamar, Fla., native, was pronounced dead July 12 at Tripler Army Medical Center — almost eight days after being rushed to St. Francis Hospital on Leeward Oahu.

Villanueva was at a party at Ewa Beach on July 4 when he began convulsing. Medical observation linked Smith's condition to an overdose of the "club drug" Ecstasy.

Over the course of the week,

Villanueva's condition deteriorated due to several complications as a result of the overdose.

Villanueva's condition further worsened when he developed Rhabdomyolysis, a disorder that involves injury to the kidney caused by toxic effects of myoglobin—the bodily chemical found in skeletal muscle.

Ecstasy is a form of methamphetamine that depletes the brain of the mood-controlling chemical, serotonin.

This depletion results in the feeling of euphoria by users of the drug. Studies show that Ecstasy also holds potential neurotoxicity factors, according to a report on WebMD at <http://content.health.msn.com>.

Families stay in touch with stories

New program allows Marines to stay close to their children through taped messages

SGT. STEPHEN L. STANDIFIRD
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP HANSEN — Marines serving unaccompanied tours in Okinawa have a new form of communication with their loved ones back home.

Marine Corps Community Services recently started a program called United Through Reading where Marines can make videos of themselves reading books to send to their children.

The program, which is supported by the Family Literacy Foundation, is a quality of life program for military families that helps keep parents and children connected during times of deployment through the medium of reading aloud on videotape.

The program started as a service for Marines to send a message home to family members, but according to

Hideki Tanahara, library technician, Camp Foster Library, it never really gained momentum.

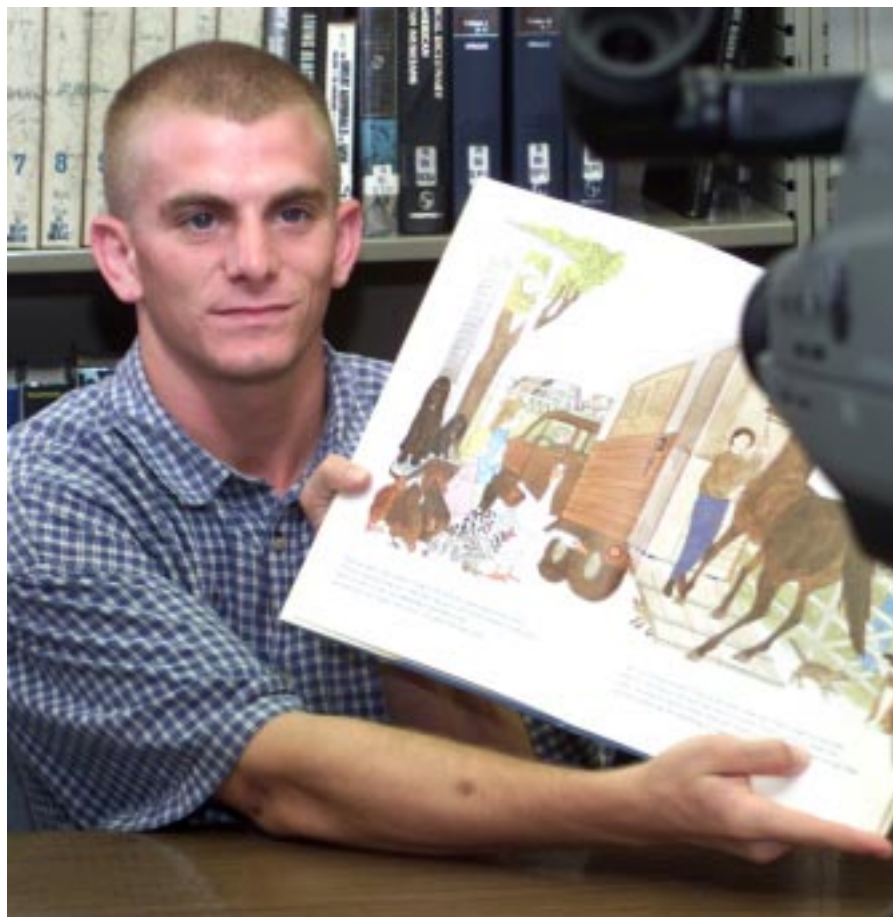
A directive from the commanding general Marine Forces Pacific changed the old format of a message service to a reading program for unaccompanied Marines.

Pam Ackerland, library clerk, Camp Schwab Library said the program is great for those Marines who have children back in the States.

"If they have children back home to send the tapes to, I think the kids would really enjoy receiving the tapes," she said. "The Marines deployed here for at least a year that have kids back home should look into this. Their kids will like it."

Tanahara also said he hoped to get the program expanded to include video letters back home for the single Marines. He also sees the program as a morale booster in that it provides a way for unaccompanied Marines to keep in touch with family and their kids back home.

The libraries have video cameras and sound equipment set up in a quiet environment so the Marines can read alone. The library has a wide selection of youth books to choose from so all the Marine



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With help from the MCCS program United Through Reading, Lance Cpl. Michael A. Chiasson, infantryman, E Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, reads a children's book to his nieces and nephews who are back in the States.

needs to do is pick a book and sit down to read it to the camera.

Base libraries have not had too many participants interested in the program, but they hope that more deployed Marines will use this as means to communicate.

Ackerland said this is a program she would take advantage of if she

couldn't see her children every day.

The libraries at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma and Camps Courtney, Hansen and Schwab are all equipped and ready to go, said Tanahara. He hopes to extend services to all bases soon.

For more information, call 645-2628, or visit a base library.

Anyone can report traffic violations to PMO

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CAMP BUTLER — There are more than 847,000 registered vehicles on the island of Okinawa according to information provided by the Okinawa Land Transportation Office. More than 26,000 of those vehicles are registered to Status of Forces Agreement-status personnel.

In 2000, the Japanese National Police had 43,392 traffic accidents reported to them. In these accidents, 79 fatalities and 4,218 injuries were reported. Along with those injured, 8,361 DUI and DWI citations were issued by the Japanese Police.

Members of the military community can assist the Military Police and make the community safer by reporting traffic violations on a Traffic Violation Report.

A TVR is a means by which anyone can report, deter and identify those few individuals who insist on driving carelessly. A TVR can be initiated by anyone who has witnessed an act of unsafe driving and wishes to report it. TVR's are not limited to on-base violations. Off-base incidents can be reported as well, however, only SOFA Y, A, or E-plated vehicles can be reported via a TVR.

With the help of the community, Provost Marshals Office can reduce the rising rate of traffic incidents on Okinawa.

In 1999, the Accident Investigation Section of Provost Marshals Office processed a total of 1,858 traffic accidents. In 2000, the number climbed to 1,923, and as of June 30, 2001, there were 912 traffic accidents.

The primary causes of these accidents have continued to be carelessness, speeding and lack of attention. Regardless of the violation, irresponsible driving plays a part in nearly all accidents, according to PMO officials.

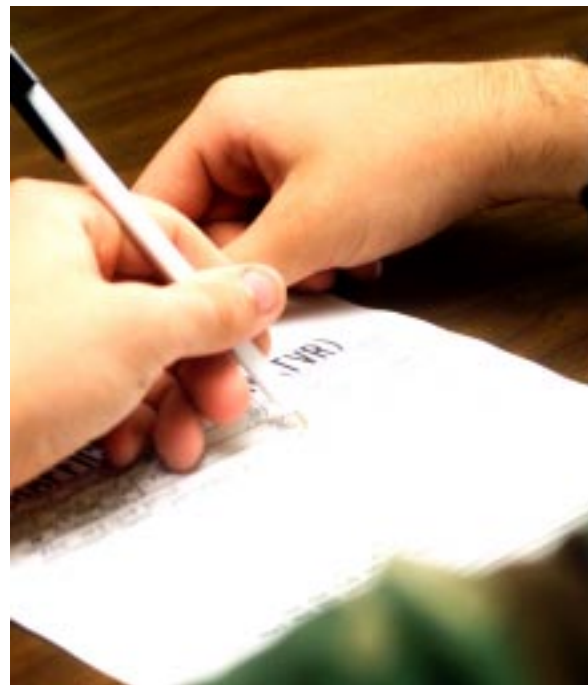
Once a TVR has been initiated, the Traffic Court Section contacts the offender for adjudication or forwarding to the Base Inspector's Office.

However, in order for this process to work there is a minimum amount of information that must be obtained and provided to the Military Police. That information is:

- Date, Time and Location of the incident.
- Description of the vehicle and License Plate Number.
- Description of the driver.
- Any particulars that will assist in identifying the correct vehicle and driver.
- A description of the violation and the circumstances involved.

A person reporting a violation can go to the nearest Military Police office to complete a TVR form or call the Camp Foster Military Police at 645-7441/ 7442.

In addition to these methods, a convenient form for reporting unsafe driving can be forwarded to the Military Police via the TVR Report link on the MCB website www.mcbbutler.usmc.mil. If additional assistance or information is needed, the Traffic Court section will notify the person who submitted the report.



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Anyone can report the unsafe driving of SOFA personnel by filling out a TVR form. A TVR form can be picked up at PMO or can be obtained online at www.mcbbutler.usmc.mil.

Everyone is encouraged to take advantage of the TVR system and help reduce the number of traffic related incidents, according to PMO officials. If left unchecked, families may be victimized in a traffic accident caused by an unsafe driver.

PX surveillance targets shoplifting

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COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP FOSTER — Army and Air Force Exchange Service security apprehended 242 shoplifters last year preventing a total loss of \$26,000 in merchandise on Okinawa.

AAFES security continues to battle shoplifting using several techniques to prevent and apprehend shoplifters.

"Shoplifting at the exchanges is not a severe problem, but there is an average of 20 to 30 shoplifters caught a month," said Keith M. Boettiger, safety security manager AAFES Pacific Region.

One of the main goals AAFES safety security section has is preventing and apprehending shoplifters. A typical base exchange hires around a dozen investigators to monitor sales and personnel and ensure the stores are run correctly. The larger exchanges invest in surveillance camera systems to monitor every area of the store with 25 to 40 cameras on average.

Some of the surveillance cameras don't move and focus on certain areas. While other cameras can rotate 360 degrees and zoom.

"One camera can see from one side of the store to the other and zoom in for a crystal clear picture," Boettiger said.

All the cameras are linked to monitors where investigators can watch potential shoplifters, and record a culprit in the act. Once an investigator sees someone who may be a potential shoplifter, the Provost Marshal's Office is notified, but PMO does not apprehend the shoplifter until he leaves the exchange. PMO waits so the alleged shoplifter has every opportunity to pay for the item before they leave.



PFC. MARK S. ALLEN

Lipstick and other small cosmetic products are popular items stolen by shoplifters.

"PMO detains the shoplifter, and we watch the video of him stealing. Then we take him down to the station," said Lance Cpl. Jeremy A. Arnold, desk sergeant, Camp Foster PMO.

"The variety of shoplifters is across the board," Boettiger said. "The security doesn't go by racial background or rank background. We don't focus on the individual as much as we look at the section of the store."

Some sections have merchandise that is easier to shoplift.

According to Boettiger, "Many parts of the store are hot spots. Video games,

CDs, DVDs, jewelry, and colognes are commonly shoplifted items."

"There is no room for latitude to decide which shoplifter goes to PMO and which one doesn't," Boettiger said. "It could be 50 cents or it could be \$1,000, we're going to send them to PMO. That policy keeps us consistent."

When PMO picks up a shoplifter, they route the active duty service member to his command. The shoplifter could get anything from nonjudicial punishment to a separation from service depending on the individuals record and the severity of the crime.

A family member or a civilian caught stealing goes to the Base Inspector Office where the individual may have privileges revoked. In extreme or repeating cases the shoplifter may be moved off Okinawa.

"Most of the shoplifting calls PMO gets is on pay day weekend," Arnold said. "One of the questions we keep asking ourselves is why would people shoplift if they just got paid."

"Bottom line is these are crimes of greed," Boettiger said. "A great majority of the shoplifters have the resources to pay for what they're stealing."

Critical incident program battles traumatic stress

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CAMPLESTER — Firefighters and medical personnel islandwide have organized a stress relief program to prevent emotional and psychological issues relating to critical incidents.

The Critical Incident Stress Management Program helps trauma victims rationalize their feelings associated with traumatic experiences.

"Any abnormal event, that is overwhelming in a bad way, is a traumatic experience," said Navy Lt. Juan Carlos Arguello, CISM coordinator, U.S. Naval Hospital, Okinawa.

While military personnel are at a high risk to experience these types of situations, they are not immune to the problems that can arise when attempting to process and manage these experiences emotionally.

"Our goal is when there is an critical incident, we can be easily activated and begin the process of intervention as soon as possible," Arguello said.

During a three-day class recently, students of the CISM program were organized into three four-man teams to teach them how to deal with the thoughts, emotions, reactions and symptoms relating to a critical incident.

In the classroom environment, team members acted as trauma victims while the rest of the class talked them through his or her emotions, explaining how the feelings were a normal reaction to such

a dramatic experience.

The class members also discussed some of their own past experiences while performing their job.

"I was a fire fighter during the earthquake in San Francisco. A bridge collapsed crushing cars beneath it, and my best friend at the fire department was on the scene helping the victims. He came across one car that had children trapped inside. A boy inside was losing vital signs, and to save the child's life, my friend had to amputate the boy's leg. That's when I knew we needed a program like this," said Stuart C. Cook, deputy fire chief, Camp Butler Fire Department.

"The fire fighters here are seeing car accidents, suicides and fire victims. We all became fire fighters to save lives. When you lose lives you start asking yourself 'could I have been better?' 'Could I have been faster?' With the CISM program, you have people there letting you know what you are feeling is normal. Venting those emotions allow you to continue doing your job," Cook explained.

"We are restructuring this program to decrease the amount of time it takes to respond to a traumatic emergency. The sooner a team is contacted, decreases the potential of mental distress," Arguello said.

During a real world scenario a debriefing would occur after a stressful incident. One of the CISM teams would sit down with the victim in a safe, isolated, productive environment and figure out what is fact and what is a rumor to avoid wrongful guilt.

The team tries to understand the emotions involved in the situation. Then the team tells the victims what to expect and what symptoms may occur, according to Navy Lt. Carrie H. Kennedy, psychologists, U.S. Naval Hospital, Okinawa. "We take no notes. A debriefing is completely confidential. This program is not therapy, it's used as a coping mechanism."

"Without this program victims could establish symptoms of nervousness, anxiety, guilt, and avoidance of feelings impairing victims socially and professionally. Their capacity to function decreases," Arguello said.

The CISM program is trying to educate the base commands on Okinawa about the importance of stress management.

"If activated in time we can help the cohesiveness of troops in general," Kennedy said. "Within one to three hours of the incident, intervention can prevent so much. To let the command know of this program could continue combat readiness"

"If someone sees enough of these kinds of experiences, he's going to say I don't want to do this anymore," Cook said. "The program also helps morale and makes them more whole to know someone is there for them."

"I know from my own experiences traumatic events can take their toll," Cook said. "It's human nature."

CISM plans to continue to expand and offer traumatic stress intervention. Annually, service member and civilians will take the CISM course to continue building and maintaining CISM teams. For more information, or to activate a team call 643-7590 or 643-7344.

NJP REPORT

The following are alcohol-related nonjudicial punishments for July 29 - Aug. 4.

• Underage drinking

A lance corporal with Marine Aircraft Group-18, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, was found guilty at a company-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: forfeiture of \$283 pay for one month and restriction/extra duties for 14 days.

A private first class with Marine Wing Support Squadron-172, 1st MAW, was found guilty at a squadron-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: reduction to E-1, forfeiture of \$521 pay per month for two months and restriction/extra duties for 30 days.

COURTS MARTIAL

A private first class from Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, was sentenced to six months confinement, reduced to E-1 and given a bad conduct discharge at a special court-martial on one specification of Article 86, unauthorized absence, Article 120, carnal knowledge, Article 125, sodomy and Article 134, indecent act.

TMO TIPS

The following are tips from the Traffic Management Office.

For more information, contact the local Traffic Management Office or Gunnery Sgt. Quirindongo at 645-0966.

- Discard or donate old clothing, broken toys and all unserviceable items. (Shipping these items may cost anywhere from \$80 to \$130 per hundred weight.)

- No alcoholic beverages or liquids can be shipped within your household goods. U.S. Customs regulations do not allow for transportation of alcoholic beverages.

- On the day of your move or the day before, you may want to remove personal papers, passports, important documents, medications or anything else you need to hand carry. Take them to a neighbor's house or put them in the trunk of your car to prevent them from being packed away during your move.

- Ensure high value items have their brand name, model number and serial number placed on your household goods inventory sheet which is prepared by the packers during the pack out.

- Make sure you are at your quarters between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. on your pick up date. Otherwise, you will be assessed an attempted pick up charge.

- It will be your responsibility, not the moving company's, to ensure all your personal belongings have been packed. Please be sure to make one final check of all closets, cabinets and storage sheds before the movers depart.

- Authorized professional books, papers and equipment are not counted against your weight allowance. You must provide the counselor an estimated weight to enter on your DD 1299 application for shipment form at the time of the interview. Professional equipment can be tools/equipment needed by technicians, specialized clothing, computers, plaques and awards.



STAFF SGT. JASON M. WEBB

Squadron marks milestone

Marines from Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron-172, Marine Aircraft Group-36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, watch as a trio of C-130 Hercules fly over the flightline at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma July 26 during a ceremony marking 230,000 flight hours without a Class A mishap.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS **Host family needed**

Marine Corps Base is looking for a family willing to host a Japanese student for one school year. The student will attend Kubasaki High School and be totally immersed in American culture.

For further information, contact Steve Town, deputy G-5, Marine Corps Base, at 645-4227.

Marine Corps University classes

Marine Corps University is accepting enrollments for the 2001-2002 academic year which begins October 2001.

Amphibious Warfare School Phase I, AWS II and Command & Staff will be taught in seminar with adjunct faculty. The diploma is the same as the resident diploma and these courses are equivalent to the resident diploma for promotion and assignment. The Command & Staff College is a Joint Professional Military Education phase I accredited school.

Seminars meet once a week for two hours. Sign up now so materials will be received prior to the Oct. 1 start date.

For more information, contact Col. James P. Hopkins, USMC retired, or Betty Eisenmann at 645-2230/2500, e-mail hopskinsjp@mcbbutler.usmc.mil or go to the MCU website at <http://mcu.mcbbutler.usmc.mil>.

Volunteers wanted

The Help Line is looking for a few volunteers to staff their phones. The next training classes for those interested in lending assistance at the Help Line are scheduled to be held Oct. 15 and 16.

Registration for the classes must be done before Sept. 18.

Help Line volunteers provide immediate emotional support, crisis intervention, information and referrals to appropriate agencies.

For more information, please call 634-0684.

Lost and found

The Military Police Investigations Section has obtained multiple items of lost and found property which are awaiting disposal or destruction.

Items consist of, but are not limited to, the following: keys, clothing, book bags, jewelry, cameras, watches, tools, cordless telephones, eye glasses, airline tickets, currency and a pool stick.

If you believe you have property on this list, please call the MPI Lost and Found custodian at 645-7347 for property turned in prior to May. For property turned in after May, call your camp's local Military Police Office.

Commander's Access Channel

The below listed programs will be broadcast on Channel 7 each day from Aug. 11-17 at the times listed. Run times are listed in italics.

Noon: Prerecorded 3rd Marine Division change of command ceremony. *43:09*

12:45 p.m.: Interview with the Commandant, Gen. James L. Jones, and Sgt. Maj. Alford L. McMichael. *19:30*

5:00 p.m.: "Eagle, Globe and Anchor" (History and traditions of the Marine Corps with Charlton Heston.) *28:36*

5:30 p.m.: "Forces on Call" (Roles and missions of the Marine Corps.) *27:16*

To submit a brief ...

Send an e-mail to editor@mcbbutler.usmc.mil or fax your request to 645-3803. The Okinawa Marine accepts briefs for non-profit organizations and groups only and they are run on a space-available and time-priority basis. Deadline for submitting briefs is noon every Friday and the Okinawa Marine reserves the right to edit all submitted material to fit space.

The sergeant major of Marine Forces Pacific asks:

What will it take to get you to think about safety?



SGT. MAJ. STEPHEN H. MELLINGER
MARINE FORCES PACIFIC SERGEANT MAJOR

There are numerous ways a leader can motivate us to do the right thing. Sometimes we get motivated from hearing inspiring words of encouragement. Other times the proper motivation by a leader might require his boot to our backside (figuratively speaking) to get us to correctly respond to his instruction.

How a leader motivates depends on the leader himself and the individuals needing motivation. Regardless of the form of motivation used, it's useless if those on the receiving end were not moved to do the right thing.

And that brings me to the subject of this article. How can I motivate each of you to stop putting yourselves in danger both at work and while on liberty?

Marines, we continue to lose our brethren (to death or severe injuries) needlessly and at an alarming rate to senseless accidents. There

is no acceptable explanation why so many Marines are dying, or becoming injured, in peacetime other than to say it's a result of carelessness or poor decision making.

So (rhetorically speaking), what mode of motivation will it take to cause you to respond to common sense safety measures? Many of you may have read an earlier article of mine on, "The School of Hard Knocks."

Basically, I encouraged you to listen to the wisdom of those of us that had already attended the classes and still bear the scars and consequences of our careless actions.

In this article to you, I could try motivating you to "think safety" before you act by scolding you like children, pampering you, threatening you or whatever else I thought would make you realize it's your life and limbs I want you to protect.

I could yell at your command's leadership to get more involved to ensure you act more responsibly both on the job and during your liberty time. I could quote you mounds of

senseless and preventable most deaths and serious injuries are if only we would think before we act.

I could encourage your commands to do a better job assessing your ability to be respon-

sible. If, for example, you're found not to be a responsible Marine at work, then you should not operate a POV aboard a base.

After all, operating a motor vehicle on a military installation is a privilege, not a "right." Maybe that is the type of motivation tool needed to get you to be more responsible safety conscious in your actions.

Yes, I could do any number of the above suggestions or others to motivate you to do the right thing as a motor vehicle operator, scuba diver, swimmer or anything else that puts you at risk, but the question remains, "Would it be enough to get you to always do the right thing?" I don't believe it would.

I don't believe it would cause any of you to be any more careful of your personal welfare than what you choose to be now. I believe it's like leading the old horse to the watering hole. You can lead him to it, but you can't make him drink!

I learned a long time ago that I could only change one person's mind to do or not do something. That one person is me.

I can't "make" anyone else feel the same way I do about anything. I can only try to persuade (or motivate) them to see things as I do. And that includes being more safety conscious.

Others can try and motivate, threaten or warn you to be safe at work or on liberty, but only you can choose to do the right thing. Remember, no one can, or will, take better care of you than you.

Take care of yourselves Marines!

"There is no acceptable explanation why so many Marines are dying, or becoming injured, in peacetime other than to say it's a result of carelessness or poor decision making."

- Sgt. Maj. Stephen H. Mellinger

What Would You Do?

The following examination of leadership issues is not intended to present right or wrong answers. The goal is to provide a forum to encourage leadership discussions of challenging issues. Chaplain responses are designed to provide moral and ethical guidance. Questions, comments or ideas for a future scenario may be submitted to: editor@mcbbutler.usmc.mil

Shooting

You're qualifying on the rifle range and have the score for expert after completing the 300-yard line. Your buddy, who is firing next to you and has been firing well all week long, is having a bad day and isn't sure if he is going to qualify.

He knows you're a solid shooter on the 500-yard line and asks for your help to ensure he qualifies. What he wants you to do is fire on his target and he'll fire on yours for the remainder of your rounds.

What do you do?

What the Marines said

Sergeant with Marine Corps Base: I would have to say that it really depended on whether or not it would affect my rifle score. If it would not, I would probably agree to the terms.

Lance corporal with Marine Corps Base: I would tell him that I would like to help him out, but I can't because there is the possibility that we would get caught.

Staff sergeant with 3rd Marine Division: My decision would be to aid the Marine in qualifying by giving him coaching advice.

Lance corporal with 1st Marine Aircraft Wing: No, I would not. I would only give him some suggestions on how I apply the fundamentals that were taught to us from the beginning.

What the Chaplain said

Chaplain: In keeping with the spirit of the Marine Corps, each Marine wanted to help their fellow Marine in some way. One way to help was to offer some guidance or coaching to assist the Marine in improving their shooting skills. The other was to agree with the offer and shoot their targets.

While firing on their buddy's targets would help the Marine to qualify on that day, in the long run, it could prove to be deadly. To put it another way, in a firefight would you want this Marine covering your six?

Wouldn't the Marine who was not having a good day be a better Marine if he mustered up the courage and self-discipline to overcome his "bad day." After all, few days are as bad as being pinned down under enemy fire with the need for accurate placement of rounds down range.

And then there is the nagging feeling of guilt that comes when we know we have not lived up to the core value of honor. When there is no honor, the hatch to dishonesty opens. If the Marines choose to go through that hatch by agreeing to shoot each other's targets, their trust for each other is placed in jeopardy. As professional warriors, we cannot afford to violate the sacred bond of trust. The price is too high and is usually paid in human suffering and loss of life.

- Navy Lt. Cmdr. Aaron Jefferson Jr., Chaplain, 3rd Transportation Support Battalion, 3rd FSSG



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Marines visit soil

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Cpl. Christopher B. Hanson, combat engineer, MWSS-172, 1st MAW, works quickly to cut down a tree on an airfield in Peleliu. The tree was blocking C-130s from landing on the island with Marines from 3/7. The many interweaving trunks made cutting down the tree difficult.

PELELIU, Republic of Palau – For the first time in almost 60 years, Marines from 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, returned to an island where 6,526 U.S. Marines and Sailors gave their lives during WWII.

A small island, approximately six miles long and two miles wide, Peleliu was the ground for one of the bloodiest battles in the Pacific. Marines from I Company, 3/7, had the opportunity to visit this island July 14-15 before returning to Okinawa after a 10-day deployment to Guam as part of exercise Koa Thunder.

Many years earlier, Marines from 3/7 arrived on the beaches of Peleliu under a hail of gunfire. On this trip, Marines received a warmer welcome and waves and smiles from the local people.

However, getting approximately 150 Marines to the island took some effort from all units involved.

Two CH-53E Super Stallions from Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron-463, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, out of Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, transported the first wave of Marines into Peleliu. A single tree obstructed the airfield, where the second wave would land.

To clear the way for the approaching C-130, two combat engineers from Marine Wing Support Squadron-172, 1st MAW, armed with chainsaws arrived with the first wave to cut down the tree.

Each unit from the ground and the air elements did their best to make this a successful trip, according to Sgt. James E. Guida, platoon sergeant, I Co., 3/7.

One objective of exercise Koa Thunder was to

find out what the logistical requirements would be to move a unit of this size 700 miles, the distance from Peleliu to Guam, according to Maj. Barry A. Harrison, company commander, I Co., 3/7.

Working together paid off for I Co. when the C-130 was able to land with the second wave of Marines who received a warm welcome from the local people. Many of the islanders had come out to the airfield to watch and wave as the Marines landed once again on their island.

"The support from the local people and how they all came out to see us land was pretty motivating," said Lance Cpl. Brian T. Davis, team leader, 2nd Platoon, I Co., 3/7. "They were all waving to us and were very welcoming."

Soon after landing in Peleliu, the Marines began a tour of the small island and were taken to one of the beaches where their forefathers had once arrived for battle. The Marines spent the night at the beach and listened to stories from some of the locals who were around during the historic fight.

This is the first time 3/7 has had the opportunity to do something like this, according to Harrison, a native of Wimberley, Texas. Koa Thunder is a relatively new exercise that gave them this opportunity.

We planned to tour as much of the battlefield as possible and learn from our forefathers by studying the battles that took place here, Harrison said.

Visiting the sites and hearing about Medal of Honor recipients from the battle for Peleliu gave the Marines more than knowledge.

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Marines from I Co., 3/7, board a CH-53E from HMH-463, 1st MAW, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, at the International Airport on Koror in the Republic of Palau destined for the small island of Peleliu. The Marines traveled 700 miles to Peleliu from Guam where they were participating in exercise Koa Thunder.



A C-130 from VMGR-152, 1st MAW, full of Marines landed on a secure airfield. The Marines visited Peleliu during their deployment to Guam in support of exercise Koa Thunder.

Off the beaches of Peleliu, Marines from I Co., 3/7, waded into the water and gave their lives to secure this island. The Marines spent the night on the island, listening to the war told by local islanders.

of fallen comrades

the battlegrounds that we have fought on brings the esprit de corps and motivates young Marines," said Guida, a native of Mount Shasta, Calif. "I saw a lot of them collecting sand off the beaches." Hopefully my Marines gained a good understanding of what it takes to succeed in combat against a determined enemy after looking at the battlegrounds, studying the battle and then talking about the actions of the Marines," said Harrison. Visiting the battlegrounds was just one of the stops on the tour. Marines were taken down a long path, lined with discarded pieces of weapons and equipment from the past, to a hill where the locals had erected a memorial.

It was good to see that the people of Peleliu put a memorial at the top of a hill to honor the Marines from 3/7, 1st MarDiv.," said Davis, a native of Springfield, N.J. "It was pretty motivating to hear from two Medal of Honor recipients, who were both Marines."

It shows how young Marines can come through in the heat of battle and fight for the lives of their comrades."

Visiting the memorials sent the Marines a clear message about the importance of teamwork and unit cohesion. However, the Marines from 3/7 didn't visit Peleliu without sending their own message.

The fact that we are able to operate on Peleliu sends a message that the Marine Corps has not forgotten about the island of Peleliu or the people that live there, according to Harrison. We also show them that the Marine Corps is as potent a fighting force — more so — as it was in WWII.



runway at the former airfield on the island of Peleliu. Part of exercise Koa Thunder.

places where many of their forefathers were killed. On the beach listening to stories from



PHOTOS BY LANCE CPL. EUGENE E. CLARKE
 Navy Lt. D. A. Graham, Landing Force Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training chaplain, poses for a picture with children of Jakarta, Indonesia, during a community relations project on May 18.



Graham plays his guitar and sings for children from Jakarta, Indonesia during a Community Relations Project on May 19.

LF CARAT Chaplain lends helping hand to those in need

GUNNERY SGT. KENT FLORA
 COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

ABOARD THE USS RUSHMORE, — The Bible is full of men who followed God in the footsteps of faith. Paul's life was transformed for faithful ministry. Timothy was a faithful spiritual servant, and Moses was a life filled with Godly choices. For today's Christian, being an example of faith to follow is many times the path less traveled. For Landing Force Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training Chaplain, Navy Lt. Diedrick A. Graham, that path is as clear today as the calling that God placed on his heart 14 years ago.

It's been said that when opportunity knocks, you open the door and that is exactly what the 17-year-old Mobile, Ala., native did when he joined the Navy as a corpsman.

"I love to help people," Graham said. "I joined the Navy with a friend at 17 years old to do just that as a corpsman. I have also been involved in ministry for some time now and I preached my first sermon at 19 years old. The defining moment for me was when I was assigned to the reserves. They knew I was a preacher and on Sundays they would ask me to conduct prayer and sermons. That's when I felt God was faithfully directing my path toward professional ministry. Attending to and caring for the physical needs of an individual that I learned as a corpsman has carried over to the Chaplain Corps. Now, the needs I attend to are spiritual."

The 33-year-old Graham said the decision to become a chaplain was not one that was made lightly or one made overnight.

"I felt that God had opened a door for me," he said. "I knew I had to be fully committed to the decision that faced me. After much prayer and wise

counsel, it was up to me to walk through. That's when I struck out on the path to become a Navy chaplain."

Graham, who as a corpsman had been stationed with the Marines at 1st Force Service Support Group, said that the medical training he received has stayed with him. That training has been helpful while being in the field with the Marines, providing medical assistance to the doctors when he can.

The fact that he had been a corpsman also assists Graham during one of his ministry responsibilities of hospital visits. He admits that being a former corpsman opens doors for him.

"Because I was a 'Doc' and have connections, I have access to the hospital which is crucial for that ministry," said the 13-year Navy veteran. "Having previous medical training also allows me to talk to the patient about their condition and offer assurance on a personal level."

Graham said his life is simple and that he looks for the quality things in life like spending time with his wife of five years, Earnestine. He and his wife met in church at Rice Temple Apostolic Overcoming Holy Church of God in Montgomery, Ala.

"I'll never forget that Sunday. She was in the choir and she has a voice like an angel; I was smitten from the moment I laid eyes on her. She is, as God says, my helper. We have a healthy and strong relationship because we communicate, share and worship to-

gether. We are a team," he said.

Graham, who describes himself as steadfast, accountable and dependable, said that he suffers from the 'Messiah Complex' and that he must remind himself that he doesn't impact the life of an individual alone and that only God can initiate a life-saving change. The jazz-enthusiast admits that he struggles with the feeling of helplessness from time to time.

"When I feel that I can't help someone, I'm miserable," said the somber pastor. "I once visited a VA hospital and met a Vietnam veteran who was

totally convinced that he could never have a salvation experience. His theology was that God takes a soul for a soul. During the war, he had killed 34 enemy soldiers; so even by turning his life over to God, he would still be in the hole 33 lives. He condemned himself and there

was nothing I could say or do to change his mind. I wept."

The smiling Graham recalled his father's influence on his life saying he was a Godly man. The lessons that were taught to the younger Graham have had an impact on his decision to go into the ministry. He remembered one Sunday sermon that he prepared for his home church, AOH, Church of God in Mobile, Ala.

"My dad was a Deacon and Sunday School Superintendent and had a great influence on me to continue in the ministry," Graham said. "One Sunday at

my home church, my family attended and during the invitation, my mother and aunt rededicated their lives back to God. For me, at that moment, God could have called me home and I would have been satisfied with my life."

Graham's compassion and loving heart is echoed by his enlisted counterpart Chief Petty Officer Joseph T. Price, religious program chief, who said that his chaplain genuinely cares about the Marines and their spiritual welfare.

"He loves his Marines," said Price, an Oklahoma City, Okla., native. "Chaplain Graham and I have a good working and personal relationship. He is approachable in every circumstance and very easygoing. He balances his collar between the Navy lieutenant bars and the cross which some chaplains have a hard time doing. He takes his calling to the Chaplain Corps very seriously. I don't hold it against him that he was a corpsman before seeing the light and coming into the religious corps."

The laughing Pentecostal pastor remembered one of the better moments of his ministry at Marine Corps Officer Candidate School where Graham and the candidates of Alpha Company did many hikes together.

"Before graduation, they presented to me a walking staff with some of the encouraging phrases I would say to them while on the march as a token of thanksgiving; it still chokes me up today," he said.

"I am humbled by what I do every day. The reason I'm here is I love doing what Jesus said to do; to go out and spread the good news. I will do my job as long as the Navy allows me to. I just want to be in God's divine will. My life's motto is that God never called me to be successful; he called me to be faithful and in being faithful, he makes me successful," Graham concluded.

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- Navy Lt. Diedrick A. Graham

NEO tests the role of each Marine

Story and photos by Sgt Nathaniel T. Garcia



Cpl. Farie Serrano, fire team leader, 3rd plt., I Co., 3/7, searches Lance Cpl. Corey Cooper's, evacuee, Combat Assault Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, clothes for any weapons or suspicious items. Each of the six evacuees were searched one by one while other Marine from 3rd Plt., I Co., 3/7, provided security.



Marines from 3rd Plt. land on an abandoned airfield to seek out the evacuees.

ANDERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Guam – Marines are taught there is no "I" in "team." However, they do understand the important role each Marine plays in accomplishing the mission.

As Marines from 3rd Platoon, Company I, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, trained their warriors to conduct successful Noncombatant Evacuation Operations, they relied on every individual leatherneck to do his part to complete the exercise.

During a NEO July 11, the Marines primary role was to provide physical security at an evacuation site and bring the evacuees to a safer area as quickly as possible. Each Marine is required to understand his role during exercises in order to have a successful mission.

"If each Marine doesn't have a detailed understanding of his role, one person can hinder the success of an operation," said 1st Lt. Jeremy Graczyk, platoon commander, I Co.

Each Marine in 3rd Plt. went through many hours of training and several rehearsals before each mission to ensure that every Marine was prepared. The amount of knowledge these Marines are given to retain, the rehearsals and training keep them ready to react appropriately to each situation. They are expected to be prepared for almost anything.

"Do I expect them to be able to react appropriately ... yes," Graczyk said. "Not only do we expect them to, we demand that they do."

And they did. Seemingly flawless in executing their tasks, each Marine managed to ensure the processing, searching, and safe retrieval of the six evacuees, played by Marines from Combat Assault Battalion. Within an hour the evacuees were escorted to waiting CH-53Es from Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron-463, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, out of Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, and taken to safety.

"They (3rd Plt.) met every expectation and higher," said Sgt. Paul G. Perez Jr., platoon sergeant, I Co., 3/7. "These Marines remained vigilant and alert. They knew exactly what to do and when to get into position."

The platoons squad leaders, Sgt. Martin Alfaro and Cpl. Jeremy R. McGraff, are perfect examples of how individuals make important contributions to the team, according to Perez. If it weren't for their planning, rehearsing and passing information down to each Marine, the exercise would have been a complete catastrophe.

During any mission or exercise it is hard to determine who is the necessary link that pulls or holds the unit together.

"History has shown that it is impossible to tell who is going to be the critical piece of the battle," said Maj. Barry A. Harrison, company commander, I Co., 3/7. "It may be the Marine who is quiet and doesn't really stand out. He might be the one who takes that machine gun nest by himself or overcomes tremendous odds to accomplish the mission and save lives."

Relying on individuals doesn't put aside the need for teamwork.

"The saying 'there is no I in team' was generated because people are saying that individuality is not as important as teamwork," said Graczyk. "Which is true to an extent. But, if you don't have quality individuals that make up a team, then the team itself isn't going to be affective."

Even though these Marines understand the importance of each individual, they don't think it is time to change the slogan of the Marine Corps to "One Marine" or "Marine Corps of One" according to Perez. They realize that it takes each of the "Few and the Proud" to make the Corps work as one team.



Pfc. Jose Gonzalez, sawgunner, 3rd Plt., I Co., 3/7, keeps a watchful eye out while leading evacuees back to the waiting CH-53Es.



Cpl. John M. Giglio Jr., team leader, 3rd Plt., I Co., 3/7, escorts a group of three evacuees while other Marines from his platoon provide security.

A CH-53E lands at Tinian in the Republic of Palau to refuel and pick up 3rd Plt. to take them to the evacuees on Guam.



A C-130 from VMGR-152 arrives at Andersen AFB to pick up Marines to take to an abandoned airstrip where American citizens are waiting to be evacuated.

Officers lend hand to local nursing home

SGT. STEPHEN L. STANDIFIRD
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

KIN TOWN, Okinawa — Nineteen officers from 7th Communications Battalion recently participated in a nursing home beautification project. For the past seven years, the battalion visited the nursing home and offered assistance.

Marines and Sailors helped improve the appearance and quality of the Hikakiga-Oka nursing home for the elderly. The project is designed to maintain the home's landscape by planting new flowers, mowing lawns, trimming bushes, edging and other outdoor improvements.

In a change from their regular routine, the officers performed all of the manual labor for this project. The enlisted force is what usually makes up the volunteers, said Navy Lt. Ray Summerlin, chaplain, 7th Comm. Bn. The officers wanted a chance to experience some off-duty work many of their Marines and Sailors routinely participate in.

"The battalion commander has been very supportive of this since day one," Summerlin said. "All the company commanders are out here and 90 percent of the entire officer staff is out here."

"We take pride, as a battalion, in making their grounds look this nice," Summerlin said. "The residents are always very appreciative of the work we do."

"The staff is happy and the residents are happy too," said Ayako Ginoza, facility chief of Hikakiga-Oka nursing home. "7th Comm. Battalion has been coming out for

seven years. We are very thankful for their help in making the grounds look good always."

Pride isn't the only thing these Marines get out of their work at the nursing home. "We look at this nursing home as our extended family," said Lt. Col. Mark Kauzlarich, commanding officer, 7th Comm. Bn. "We're guests here in Okinawa and anything we can do to improve the relationship with the Okinawans is very important to the entire region."

Aside from the manual labor, the officers donated \$400 worth of lawn care supplies to the nursing home, which was greatly appreciated by the staff. The officers who donated the money wanted to remain nameless because it was for a good cause, Summerlin said.

This work doesn't go unnoticed by the local community, Summerlin said. One time, while a lone Marine was working on the lawn near the highway, a passerby went out of his way to buy the Marine a soda. The gesture of gratitude made a huge impact on that young Marine's life.

Seventh Comm. Bn. will continue to support this landscaping project because Kauzlarich feels it will benefit them in ways unseen to the naked eye.

"It's good for the Marines to get out and do what they can for the nursing home residents," he said. "I fully believe you've got to be a good person before you can be a good Marine. It also makes the service members better guests to Okinawa and it gives them a better appreciation for Okinawa."



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Major Jon Cook, 7th Communications Battalion executive officer, trims away at uneven portions of the bushes during a recent landscaping project at the Hikakiga-Oka nursing home. Cook and most of the other officers from the staff were on hand to take part in the project that 7th Comm. Bn. has been doing for more than seven years.

Local school children learn about neighboring base

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COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP FOSTER — Okinawan school children from Kitanakagusuku Elementary School participated in a summer vocation program giving them a chance to experience American culture and see life aboard a military base.

The trip was the first of four scheduled trips for the children throughout the summer.

The fourth, fifth, and sixth graders visited Camp Foster's Commissary, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Post Exchange, the Camp Foster Market Place, and the American Forces Network Detachment.

"This field trip occurred two years ago, and some of the students wanted to do it again," said Hiroko Tomimura, community relations specialist, Camp Foster and Camp Lester. "It's a great

opportunity for the children to find the differences between the two cultures."

The Kitanakagusuku student's first stop took them to the commissary where they learned how the store is operated, and learned how it sells a variety of local and imported products.

"It was interesting for the children to learn that 80 percent of the commissary's products come from local areas," Tomimura said.

The group also explored the PX to see what American service members tend to buy.

"Shopping shows a big difference in lifestyles," Tomimura said. "Americans go shopping once a week or everyday, but the Japanese may only get a chance to go shopping once a month."

"I enjoyed the (PX) because there was a lot of people and activity. It's not as different as I thought it would be," said fourth grader Ayumi Azama.

After half a day of seeing American commerce, the students observed the more technical side of Camp Butler at AFN. The students watched and learned how a television newscast and radio broadcast are made while several of the children stepped in front of the camera and saw themselves on T.V.

"I think it's fascinating for the kids to find out how television works. When you're a kid you think it's magic that images appear on your screen, but for them to find out how the equipment works and to meet the people who make it happen is a great experience," said Cpl. Irene N. Grastorf, broadcaster, Detachment 11, AFN Okinawa.

"The television studios in Japan do the same thing, but here the kids got to experience the whole process," Tomimura said.

Tomimura tries to coordinate trips to continue educating Okinawan school children, and she plans to have a field trip for disabled Okinawan children to see military vehicles on Camp Foster.

"What I really wanted the kids to come away with from this trip is that Camp Foster is like a small town, and we are just neighbors right across the street," Tomimura said.

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Tafari defender Joel Gillis races for possession of the ball against his Seahorse opponent.

Missionary soccer team challenges The Tafari



Kerrol Israel, Tafari defender, receives a pass during a game against the Los Angeles Missionary Athletes International Seahorse soccer team July 24.

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CAMP FOSTER — Los Angeles Missionary Athletes International Seahorse soccer team played the Okinawan team, The Tafari, here July 24.

"We're excited to play the Marines," said Dave J. Dixon, head coach of the Seahorse's under-23 team, before the game. "They'll be a big challenge for us. I think it'll be a good game."

During the game with The Tafari, a team composed of Marines and high school students, the Seahorses battled two scores past The Tafari's Marine goalkeeper in the first half of the game. The Tafari retaliated with a score in the second half, but lost to the Seahorses 4-1.

"We're the best team on Okinawa," said 1st Lt. Lawrence R. Arnold, head coach for The Tafari. "They were just well organized. They played an outstanding game."

"The Seahorses played with high intensity," said Sergio R. Rodriguez, half-back for The Tafari. "They kept us on our toes. This game was a wake up call for us to realize we need to come together as a team."

The MAI is an organization that recruits talented youth from all across the United States to play soccer as a missionary effort.

The players are found across the country through the internet, application, and coach's referral. The players then spend up to six months raising \$3,300 from local churches, friends, and family to be a part of the international tour.

Seahorses forward Tim B. Chapman said, "I'm here because I found a real love in soccer. I had to apply and have some experience, but I was chosen and have loved every minute of it."

Once players made the team, they

went to Los Angeles to attend a three-day soccer camp, giving the team a chance to polish its skills playing practice games and running ball-handling exercises.

"Three days is not a lot of time for the players to get to know each other and build a sense of camaraderie," Dixon said.

After the mini-soccer camp, the Seahorses began their three-week tour through Japan. The first few weeks of the tour gave the Seahorses an opportunity to play throughout mainland Japan, including games in Chiba, Tokyo, Yokohama and Shizuoka.

During the tour, the Seahorses gave free soccer clinics to local youth, teaching children soccer skills and strategies. While on Okinawa, the Seahorses taught base children and also gave clinics off base to Okinawan children.

John Vermilya, International Missionary Tour director said, "The Seahorses are ambassadors of our game, club, and country. I think it's a good chance for them to get international experience."

After the Seahorses participated in a clinic, they held a Bible fellowship for anyone to attend. They also talked about being part of a team and sportsmanship.

"We try to be good sports. Our goal is to play at a very high level without losing integrity," said Vermilya. "We want to let that show on the field."

"It's been hardcore being here on Okinawa. Our players are in the chow hall watching all the Marines looking real tough, but the Marines have been nothing but welcoming. We all felt very proud to be Americans," Vermilya said.

Missionary Athletes International continues to organize soccer tours worldwide and hopes to return to Okinawa next year.

Butler bowling throws boredom in the gutter

Bowling alley offers keggers way to spend spare time

PFC. MARK S. ALLEN
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP FOSTER — The modern sport of bowling has been traced back to the 4th or 5th century in Germany where a ball was rolled down a church aisle as a demonstration of religious faith. Since that time, the sport has spread all over the world. On Okinawa bowling has also become a popular recreation for American troops.

Besides spending time with your friends bowling or just practicing on your game, the bowling alley offers a wide selection of events and specials to ensure a good time.

"When we renovated the bowling alley last July, our computers got a new program called the 40-frame game," said Christopher L. Smith, duty manager, Butler Bowling Center, Camp Foster. "Since we've been doing the 40-frame game it's been getting a lot

of hype. It gets bigger every time. We try to do it on the first Saturday of every month"

The new program is 40 frames of bowling with each frame being a different scenario. One of Butler Bowling center's biggest attractions is Extreme Bowling. Extreme Bowling consists of a light show as you bowl along with the use of the bowling alley's new stereo system.

"It's good for Marines to unwind from getting off work or getting back from the field. With Extreme Bowling, it puts them in a good vibe with the lights and music," Smith said.

In August Butler Bowling Center has the Early Bird Special, where bowlers can play for \$1 a game from 9 a.m. through 11 a.m. Monday through Saturday and Butler Bowling Center always takes

reservations for lanes or birthday parties.

"I go bowling for my kids. It's a good way to spend some family time together. It also gets my 4-year-old to waste some of his energy," said Gunnery Sgt. Philip D. Jones, SNCOIC, Force Protection Unit, PMO.

To give children a better chance at a strike, Butler Bowling Center has built-in bumpers that rise from the gutter when requested.

"The bumpers are really cool. At some bowling alleys you have to call ahead of time to use the bumpers but here it's really easy to be able to use them," Jones said.

Bowling alleys on Okinawa also cater to those who feel music is a big part of their bowling game. Strikers Bowling Center on

Camp Hansen has Rock and Bowl and country bowling while Schwab Bowling Center has R&B/Hip-Hop nights.

Bowlers, who want to dedicate more of their time to the game, can consider joining a league. Women's Before Dawn Bowling League and Youth OYABA Bowling Leagues are looking for interested parties. Non-league bowlers may have trouble trying to bowl Sunday through Thursday because the leagues buy out the lanes at the Butler Bowling Center.

"We get some pretty good league bowlers. About once every three to six months someone bowls a perfect 300," said Smith. "If you bowl a 300 you get to keep a house bowling ball."

Interested parties for the Youth OYABA Bowling League or the Women's Before Dawn Bowling League please call 645-7205.



AUTOMOBILES/MOTORCYCLES

1990 Nissan Prairie — JCI May 03, \$2,200 OBO. **1990 Nissan Presca** — JCI Nov. 01, \$1,000 OBO. 646-2503.
1991 Skyline GTS-t — JCI July 03, \$3,800 OBO. **1991 Delica 4x4** — JCI Oct. 02, \$4,500 OBO. 622-5264.
1991 Nissan Skyline — JCI Feb. 03, \$3,500 OBO. 637-2004/1524.
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1991 Toyota Camry — JCI March 02, \$3,000. 090-2584-4698.
1990 Nissan Sylvia — JCI July 03, \$2,000. 646-3548.
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1991 Nissan Presca — JCI July 03, \$1,000 OBO. 623-5802/4658.
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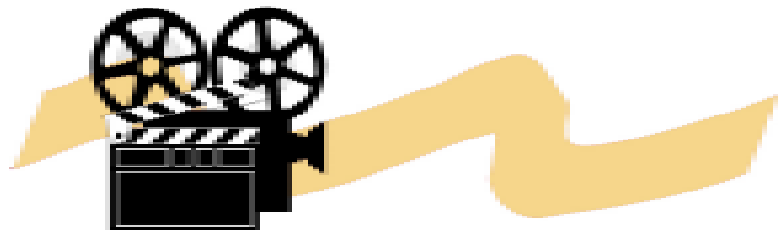


MISCELLANEOUS

Wanted — Affordable guitar lessons for 11-year-old son at home. Would like to pay by the lesson. 646-4890 or 643-7498.
Bedroom set — Nine-piece oak with headboard and footboard, two nightstands, dresser with mirror, two chests of drawers and chest, less than 1 year old, \$800. 939-7842.
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UCUM textbooks — Math 100, Math 105, Math 107, IFSM 300, IFSM 304, IFSM 310 and English 102. Best offer on all. 646-5872 or 090-2718-8975.
Misc. — KDS 15-inch computer monitor, liquid crystal, flat screen display, built-in speakers, 3-year warranty, \$600; scuba gear, med rig 2 BCD, Viper Tech Reg., Med Body Glove wetsuit, size 10 booties, mask, snorkel and fins, \$700 OBO. 090-1948-8955 or e-mail usmc_irvin@hotmail.com.
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Fri Freddy Got Fingered (R); 7:00
Sat Kingdom Come (PG); 6:00
Sat Angel Eyes (R); 9:00
Sat The Fast and the Furious (PG13); 12:00
Sun Kingdom Come (PG); 3:00
Sun Angel Eyes (R); 6:00
Mon Planet of the Apes (PG13); 7:00
Tue Planet of the Apes (PG13); 7:00
Wed Closed
Thu The Tailor of Panama (R); 7:00
Hansen (623-4564)
Fri The Score (R); 6:00, 9:00
Sat The Score (R); 6:00, 9:00
Sat A.I.: Artificial Intelligence (PG13); 11:00
Sun Shrek (PG); 2:00, 5:30
Mon The Tailor of Panama (R); 7:00
Tue The Tailor of Panama (R); 7:00
Wed What's the Worst That Could Happen? (PG13); 7:00
Thu What's the Worst That Could Happen? (PG13); 7:00
Courtney (622-9616)
Fri Planet of the Apes (PG13); 7:00
Sat Angel Eyes (R); 7:00

Sun Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles (PG); 7:00
Mon Closed
Tue Closed
Wed Recess: School's Out (G); 1:00
Wed Kingdom Come (PG); 7:00
Thu Closed
Keystone (634-1869)
Fri Kingdom Come (PG); 6:30
Fri Angel Eyes (R); 9:30
Sat Kingdom Come (PG); 1:00
Sat Planet of the Apes (PG13); 5:30
Sat The Tailor of Panama (R); 8:30
Sun Planet of the Apes (PG13); 2:00
Sun What's the Worst That Could Happen? (PG13); 5:30
Sun The Tailor of Panama (R); 8:30
Mon The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (G); 1:00
Mon Shrek (PG); 7:00
Tue Shrek (PG); 7:00
Wed Rugrats in Paris (G); 1:00
Wed The Tailor of Panama (R); 7:00
Thu The Tailor of Panama (R); 7:00
Butler (645-3465)
Fri Jurassic Park III (PG13); 7:00, 10:00
Sat Shrek (PG); 1:00

Sat Jurassic Park III (PG13); 4:00, 7:00
Sat The Tailor of Panama (R); 10:00
Sun Closed for bodybuilding contest
Mon The Tailor of Panama (R); 7:00
Tue The Tailor of Panama (R); 7:00
Wed What's the Worst That Could Happen? (PG13); 7:00
Thu Planet of the Apes (PG13); 7:00
Futenma (636-3890)
Fri A Knight's Tale (PG13); 7:30
Sat Angel Eyes (R); 6:00
Sat Tomb Raider (PG13); 11:00
Sun Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles (PG); 6:00
Mon The Score (PG13); 7:30
Tue Closed
Wed Jurassic Park III (PG13); 7:30
Thu Closed
Kinser (637-2177)
Fri Angel Eyes (R); 7:00
Sat Shrek (PG); 3:00
Sat What's the Worst That Could Happen? (PG13); 7:00, 11:30
Sun The Tailor of Panama (R); 7:00
Mon Closed
Tue Shrek (PG); 7:00
Wed Planet of the Apes (PG13); 7:00
Thu The Tailor of Panama (R); 7:00



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